

REMARKS

Claims 1-4 which are in the application have been amended to overcome the 35 USC 112, first and second paragraph rejections. More specifically, in Claim 1 the term "the bottom" has been amended to "the distillation bottoms" which finds its antecedent in the term "distillation bottoms" as found in line 1 of Claim 1. Also in Claim 1, the term "the residue" has been amended and replaced with the term "a residue resulting from a)".

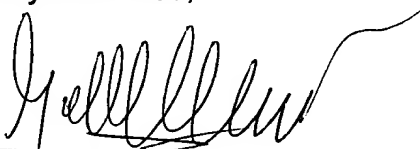
In Claim 4, the term "products selected from the group consisting of" has been deleted. Claim 4 is therefore enabling as to distillation bottoms comprising sulfuric acid, hydrofluoric acid and hexafluoroarsenic acid, as noted by the Examiner in Paper No.7, at page 2, first full paragraph.

In view of the above amendment, Applicants submit that the 35 USC 112 rejections have been overcome. Should the Examiner still have concerns with these rejections, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner provide suggestions as to language that would be satisfactory thereto.

Applicants submit that the case is properly appealed as to the art rejections only.

Respectfully submitted,

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